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Note for: Chief, Counterintelligence Staff

From: Executive Director

NSC staffer Barry Kelly is organizing four teams at Frank Carlucci's request to assess damage from the recent Moscow Marine situation as well as from the [redacted] cases. State will head up a team to examine the impact of these cases on American foreign policy. Defense will chair a team looking at Defense policy issues and the impact of these cases on our defense status. NSA has been asked to chair a team to draw overall conclusions about communications security, and we have been asked to assess the damage to US intelligence arising from all of these circumstances.

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There is full understanding that our ongoing damage assessments are to some extent incomplete and will remain so for some considerable period of time. Each of the teams is to be made up of people from all the affected agencies. In the case of the CIA-chaired study, I would estimate that would include NSA, DIA and ourselves.

Our task is not to do new and duplicative damage assessments. Rather, we are to look at work which has already been done, summarize the earlier recommendations, and add any overall recommendations which might not be suggested by any one of these cases in isolation, but might flow from an overview of all of them.

I appreciate your willingness to take on this task. Let me summarize what we need to do:

- First, we need to assess the damage to US intelligence (especially sources and methods) from the Marine/Embassy situation and the [redacted] cases.
- Second, we need to describe the impact on US intelligence--past, present and future--of these cases.
- Finally, we need to make any recommendations which appear appropriate.

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Kelly plans to chair a meeting next Wednesday (15 April) which you should attend. Please let me know if you are having trouble getting the required support from any other part of the Agency; the DDI and DDA have already indicated their willingness to assist.

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